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SUBJ: FRENCH REACTOR SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) PRETORIA 3337; (B) IAEA VIENNA 5827

1. FRENCH NEWSPAPER LE FIGARO OF JULY 29 CONTAINED REPORT OF POSTPONEMENT IN SIGNING OF FRENCH-SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR DEAL (AS REPORTED REFTEL A). NEWSPAPER ARTICLE INDICATED THAT A FEW MINOR TECHNICAL DETAILS REMAINED TO BE RESOLVED REGARDING FUEL HANDLING.

2. ON MONDAY, JULY 26, MFA SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR DE NAZELLE SPECIFICALLY ASKED EMBASSY SCICOUN DETAILS OF US-ISRAEL REACTOR SALES AGREEMENT RECENTLY REPORTED IN NEW YORK TIMES TO HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. EMBOFF NOTED THAT THE TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS WITH BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAD BEEN AGREED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENTS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. HE ADDED THAT REPROCESSING, CONVERSION, FABRICATION OR STORAGE OF IRRADIATED FUEL ELEMENTS WOULD BE PERFORMED IN FACILITIES ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES AND THAT THE US HAD SPECIFIED FACILITIES  
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OUTSIDE THE RECEIVING COUNTRY.

3. ON CHECKING ON THE STATUS OF THE FRENCH-SOUTH AFRICAN DEAL WITH DE NAZELLE ON JULY 30, HE SAID THAT THE ACCORD HAD BEEN INITIALED AND WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE IAEA SEPTEMBER MEETING AND THAT THE FRENCH HAD INSISTED UPON PROVISIONS REGARDING IRRADIATED FUEL THAT HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE IDENTICAL TO THOSE THE US HAD USED WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE POLITICAL HEAT THAT FRANCE HAS TAKEN FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON ITS PROPOSED SALE OF REACTORS TO SOUTH AFRICA, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE GOF WOULD ADOPT SIMILAR PROVISIONS ON THE SENSITIVE NUCLEAR ASPECTS AS THOSE EMPLOYED BY THE US IN ITS DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO HELP SOFTEN FUTURE CRITICISM.

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